

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District
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A. Background

BLM Office: Spokane District

Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

NEPA Log Number: OR 135-08-CX-020

Proposed Action Title: Telford Parcel Solid Waste Removal Action

Location of Proposed Action: BLM Telford Parcel - T. 25N., R.35E., Sec. 15, About 45 miles west of Spokane, WA

Description of Proposed Action: Mechanical removal of coal tar treated creosote railroad ties, timbers, trivalent arsenic treated fencing, large volumes of used, rusty barbed wire, discarded metal, uncontaminated timbers and boards, and misc. solid waste materials from an old farming site. This will be a BLM in-house removal action utilizing a rental backhoe with a bucket thumb, large PJ equipment trailer, and BLM employees who are properly certified and under the direct charge of the BLM District Environmental Professional. All employees will be required to use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) as needed.

Option 1 is that materials will be loaded onto the equipment trailer using the tractor or by hand, secured with appropriate chains and straps and transported to an appropriate Waste Management receiving landfill located on Graham Road, Medical Lake, WA. This alternative requires a special waste disposal form and triple tipping fees (\$27/ton).

Option 2 (Preferred) is that the same material will be loaded into Washington State Department of Transportation dump trucks using a rental backhoe with a thumb, operated by an appropriately certified BLM employee. A chain of custody document will be signed by the driver relinquishing material liability from BLM to DOT and the material will then be hauled to the wood fired energy plant located in Kettle Falls, WA.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Spokane Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: Approved 1987/Amended 1992

☐ *Option 1 (conforms with LUP):* The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

OR

☒ *(Option 2: not explicitly provided for in the LUP)* The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (*objectives, terms, and conditions*): Removal

Action of Solid Materials to avoid potential hazardous substance materials release within the BLM Telford Parcel.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9J. (10)

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply, as shown in the following table:

CX EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION The proposed categorical exclusion action will:		YES	NO
2.1	Have significant impacts on public health or safety.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.3	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.6	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.7	Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

F: Signature

_____/S/ James Scott Pavey_____
 (Authorizing Official Signature) (Date) 6/11/08_____

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G. Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Tom Morris, Environmental Protection Specialist - 509.536.1231

Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX.